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MAN SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN MOVING STOLEN CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OVER STATE LINES

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that TODD A. KRUG, 36, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to six months confinement in a work release center today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to two counts of interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Evansville Police Department, and the Vanderburgh and Warrick County Sheriff's Departments.

KRUG pleaded guilty to the charges in court on April 16, 2004. According to facts presented in court during the guilty plea, KRUG admitted that he participated in the theft of a

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John Deere tractor from a construction site in a Newburgh, Indiana, subdivision on April 2, 2003, and that the stolen tractor was then moved to Illinois. KRUG also admitted that in July of 2001 he assisted in the transport of a stolen Bobcat from Illinois to Indiana and that he used this Bobcat in his own construction work.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years of probation. KRUG was also ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$29,986 with a co-defendant and to pay a fine of \$1,000.

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